



City of Santa Barbara
Planning Division

Memorandum

DATE: November 22, 2017

TO: Historic Landmarks Commission

FROM: Nicole Hernandez, City Urban Historian

SUBJECT: Proposed removal of 1102 Alameda Padre Serra from the Potential Historic Resources List as recommended by the HLC Designation Subcommittee

ADDRESS: 1102 Alameda Padre Serra St, Assessor Parcel Number: 019-242-006



Above: 2006 Photograph taken for the Lower Riviera

Alex D'Alfonso designed the two-story residence in 1940 in the Streamline Moderne Style. In 2006, the building was photographed and evaluated as part of the Lower Riviera Survey by Post/Hazeltine Associates. It was found eligible to be designated a Structure of Merit (see attached survey form). However, the original design of the building was significantly altered by a 2009/10 remodel. The renovation replaced all the windows with windows that do not match the original materials and configuration. In addition, the windows no longer wrapped the corner of the building. The simple, horizontal front railing was replaced with thin, metal, vertical railing with decorative curves in the balusters and the garage doors replaced with panel and windows doors. The new materials were a general stock quality that lost the simple details of the original building that gave it the unique Streamline Moderne style. The building no longer retains its historical integrity of material, feeling, or association and does not qualify as a historic resource.



Above and below: Photograph after renovation.

The Single Family Design Board reviewed and approved the project because the Lower Riviera Survey findings had not yet been accepted by the Historic Landmarks Commission. In January of 2014, the Historic Landmarks Commission accepted the survey findings, at which time the properties found significant were added to the Potential Historic Resource List.

In the process of preparing the reports with updated images for the Structure of Merit designation hearing, staff found that the property lost its character-defining features of the Streamline Moderne style. The HLC designation subcommittee reviewed the property at their meeting of July 12, 2017. The committee found the building does not retain enough historical integrity to convey its significance and recommended the property be reviewed by the full Commission for removal from the Potential Historic Resource List.

